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In The Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A tool for separating a first circuit board and a second circuit board comprising:

a piston assembly having a grip handle and a channel having a biasing member coupled thereto ;

a handle assembly having a handle, a first block, a first blade and a second blade, said handle assembly slidably coupled to said piston assembly, said first blade and said second blade coupled to said first block, said first and said second blade biased outwardly, said first blade and said second blade each having a bump thereon;

said handle assembly having a first position and a second position relative to said piston assembly, in said first position said first blade and said second blade being biased outwardly and in said second position said biasing member of said piston assembly engaging said bump of each blade and biasing said first blade and said second blade inwardly to engage the first circuit board.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) A tool as recited in claim 1 further comprising a first spring positioned on said piston between said handle and said grip handle.

4.-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A tool as recited in ~~claim 6~~ claim 1 wherein said channel is coupled to a second end of said piston assembly.

8. (Previously Presented) A tool as recited in claim 1 further comprising a guide block slidably coupled to said piston assembly.

9. (Previously Presented) A tool as recited in claim 8 wherein said blades extend between said guide block and said biasing member.

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10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A tool for separating a first circuit board and a second circuit board comprising:

a piston having a first end and a second end, said first end having a grip handle thereon;

a handle slidably received on the piston;

a block;

a guide block positioned within said block ~~compression means fixedly coupled to said block~~ and said second end of said piston;

a first blade and a second blade fixedly coupled to said handle so that the blades are positioned between said guide block and said block, said blade biased outwardly;

a second spring disposed about said second end of said piston, said second spring coupling said guide block and said handle, said second spring urging said handle toward said guide block;

said handle having a first position and a second position relative to said block, in said first position said blades being biased outwardly and in said second position said block biasing said blade ~~biased~~ inwardly toward said guide block to engage the first circuit board.

12.-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Withdrawn) A method of disconnecting a first circuit board from a second circuit board comprising:

positioning blades of a tool adjacent to the first circuit board and the second circuit board;

biasing inwardly the blades to engage the first circuit board;

generating an upward motion with the blades; and

disengaging the first circuit board from the second circuit board.

15. (Withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 14 after disengaging, retaining the first circuit board between a channel and said blades.

16. (Withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 14 wherein positioning comprises positioning the blades within a connector housing.

17. (Withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 14 wherein positioning comprises positioning arms of a guide block and the blades within a connector housing.

18. (Withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 14 wherein the first circuit board comprises an interposer.

19. (Withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 14 wherein biasing inwardly the blades comprises biasing inwardly with a block of the tool.

20. (Withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 14 wherein biasing inwardly the blades comprises moving a handle relative to a piston and biasing inwardly the blades with a block of the tool.